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## **Gov. Daugaard Asks For Flags At Half-Staff Sept. 11 To Observe Patriot Day**

PIERRE, S.D. – Gov. Dennis Daugaard asks that all flags in South Dakota be flown at half-staff on Sunday, Sept. 11, 2011, from 8 a.m. until sunset to honor those who died during terrorist attacks on the United States a decade ago.

The Governor has issued an Executive Proclamation designating Sept. 11 as Patriot Day.

“Ten years ago, on Sept. 11, 2001, terrorists ruthlessly attacked the United States, causing the tragic deaths of thousands of innocent United State citizens and citizens from more than 90 other nations,” Gov. Daugaard said. “In response to the attacks, firefighters, police officers, emergency medical technicians, physicians, nurses, military personnel and other first-responders immediately – without concern for their own well-being – rose to service in many heroic efforts to protect the lives of those still at risk, consequently saving thousands of men and women.”

The Governor said it is a fitting tribute to observe this coming Sunday, Sept. 11, as Patriot Day in remembrance of those who were lost and those who continue to serve.

“These first-responders, soldiers and their families are worthy of eternal gratitude we can express through prayer and kind actions for them and voluntary services for others,” he said.